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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAHIKO MURATA, et al.) Examiner: M. Nguyen
Application No.: 09/443,115) Group Art Unit: 2622
Filed: November 18, 1999)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS) February 3, 2003
AND METHOD AND COMPUTER)
PROGRAM PRODUCT)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, for one month from January 3, 2003, to February 3, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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